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SUBJECT: USG APPROVES ESTABLISHMENT OF KOREAN CULTURAL
CENTERS

1. ON JULY 14, DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO ROK EMBASSY WITH A
DIPLOMATIC NOTE APPROVING ROKG'S PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF
KOREAN CULTURAL CENTERS IN NEW YORK CITY AND LOS ANGELES
AS INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE CONSULATES GENERAL THERE FOR
PURPOSE SOLELY TO PROMOTE CULTURAL RELATIONS.

2. IN CONVEYING THIS APPROVAL KOREA DIRECTOR RICH STATED
THAT THE CENTERS SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL 1979. WHEN
ROK POLITICAL COUNSELOR SHIN INDICATED THAT DELAY MIGHT
ENDANGER BUDGET APPROPRIATION, RICH SAID THAT TIMING MIGHT
BE RECONSIDERED LATE IN 1978 IF SITUATION PERMITTED, BUT
THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT
AT THAT TIME IF ACTUAL OPENING WERE TO BE CONSIDERED THIS
YEAR.

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3. SHIN WAS ALSO REMINDED THAT CULTURAL CENTERS MUST NOT
BE MISUSED AS A MEANS OF PRESSURING IN ANY WAY THE KOREAN-
AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

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